

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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For: CULTURING SYSTEM, DETECTING METHOD, AND DETECTION/ANALYSIS  
SYSTEM AND DETECTION METHOD FOR CANCER CELL COLONIES

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to initial examination of the application, please amend the above-identified  
application as shown on the following pages.